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# PRESS RELEASE

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. SUSANNE L. SPRAGUE**

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today the sentencing of Susanne L. Sprague, 58, of Versailles, New York, by United States Magistrate Judge Hugh B. Scott. Sprague pled guilty on April 1, 2004, to one count of misappropriating postal funds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1711. Sprague was sentenced to one year of probation.

Assistant U.S. Attorney MaryEllen Kresse said that from September 2003 through January 2004, Sprague, who was the Postmaster Relief at the Versailles, New York Post Office, issued money orders to herself without paying for them, resulting in a loss to the Versailles Post Office of approximately \$2,424. A fire destroyed the Versailles, New York post office on January 18, 2004.

Sprague's conviction grew out of an investigation conducted by the Postal Inspection Service.

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